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1. BOTH EMBASSY AND GOSKONTSERT TRYING HARD CONCLUDE COUNTRY
MUSIC USA CONTRACT BY END FISCAL YEAR, BASED ON MATERIALS AND
INFORMATION TO BE RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

2. GOLOVIN HAS AGREED TO PER PERFORMANCE HONORARIUM OF 500 DOLLARS/
500 ROUBLES WHICH EMBASSY INTENDS ACCEPT AS BEST WE CAN GET.
FYI SAME FEE WAS OFFERED RECENTLY (AND AFTER LONG STRUGGLE AND
APPEAL TO MINCULT, TURNED DOWN BY CANADIAN EMBASSY) TO NATIONAL
BALLET OF CANADA. SAME FEE WAS ACCEPTED LAST YEAR BY ROYAL
DANISH BALLET. END FYI. DEPT VIEWS REQUESTED.

3. RE TIMING: BECAUSE OF UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESSES IN MOSCOW THIS SUMMER AND FALL, GOSKONTSERT
HAS BEEN TOLD BY MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL (MOSSOVIET) IT CANNOT
RECEIVE (FOR LACK HOTEL SPACE) ANY FOREIGN PAPS UNTIL
MID-NOVEMBER 1974. ON EXCEPTION IS A GROUP IN EARLY
OCTOBER FROM GDR. GOSK SERIOUSLY PROPOSED TO EMBOFF
A) PUTTING OFF COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW UNTIL AFTER JOFFREY TOUR
OR B) BRINGING BOTH GROUPS TO USSR AT APPROXIMATELY SAME
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TIME, IN DIFFERENT CITIES. WITH NO LITTLE EFFORT, EMBOFF

HAS RECIEVED INITIAL AGREEMENT THAT COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW CAN ARRIVE IN USSR SEPTEMBER 28, 1974 AND DEPART USSR ON OCTOBER 27, 1974. (JOFFREY DATES ARE UNCHANGED.) CM USA WOULD FLY INTO MOSCOW, OVERNIGHT, THERE AND GO NEXT DAY, PROBABLY TO BAKU. TOUR WOULD CONTINUE IN TBILISI, YEREVAN, VOLGOGRADE (TENTATIVELY, AMONG OTHERS) AND CONCLUDE IN MOSCOW AT VERY END OCTOBER BEFORE NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS. EMBASSY REALIZES THIS NEW TIMING MAY BE AWKWARD, BUT ASSURES DEPT IT VERY BEST WE CAN DO GIVEN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. GOSK URGENTLY NEEDS KNOW CUBIC METRIC VOLUME OF TOUR PRPERTIES IN ORDER DETERMINE NUMBER CITIES, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, ETC.

5. GOSK AGREES TO VISIT BY ADVANCE MAN IN JULY AFTER VISIT OF JOFFREY'S WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

6. ADVISE IMMEDIATE.
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